



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
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Schedule 24

SENATE BILL INTRODUCED *February 7, 2014*

SB 973 Senator Frosh

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL CONFINEMENT AND RELEASE

Altering specified findings and policies regarding the creation of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, on or before October 1, 2014, to establish a Pretrial Release Services Program in the Department to offer, in each county, an alternative to pretrial detention; establishing specified requirements for the program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CS, CJ, CR, CP, NR, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 10, 2014**SB 974 Senator Jacobs, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – TRANSPORT THROUGH STATE**

Specifying that a person who is not a resident of the State and who is not prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm in the person's state of residence may transport a regulated firearm through the State to another state under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 5-147 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 975 Senator Montgomery, et al**SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS – REPEAL OF SUNSET PROVISION**

Repealing the termination provision of a specified provision of law relating to the definition of "small business" as used for the purposes of the Small Business Reserve Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Chapter 539 of the Acts of 2012, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 976 Senator Klausmeier**HIGHER EDUCATION – LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR HOME BUYERS IN DISTRESSED AREAS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Loan Repayment Program for Home Buyers in Distressed Areas; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to assist in the repayment of higher education loans owed by specified individuals who buy homes in distressed areas of the State; establishing requirements for an applicant to be eligible for the Program; requiring the Office to establish specified regulations; requiring the Governor to include, beginning in fiscal year 2016, a specified amount in the annual budget bill for the Program; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 18-15A-01 through 18-15A-05 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 977 Senator Feldman**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – NOTICES – USE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHODS**

Altering the manner in which insurers are required to notify specified persons of the rescission, cancellation, nonrenewal, or termination of policies or binders of specified property or casualty insurance, or of an increase in the total premium for a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 978 Senators Raskin and Feldman**MARYLAND BENEFIT CORPORATIONS – PURPOSES, DUTIES OF DIRECTORS, AND LIABILITY**

Altering the purpose of a Maryland benefit corporation; clarifying that a director of a benefit corporation is required to perform the director's duties in accordance with a specified standard; authorizing a director to consider the effects of a specified action or decision; providing that a director may not be required to give priority to a specified interest or factor over any other interest or factor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CA, §§ 5-6C-01, 5-6C-06, and 5-6C-07 - amended and § 5-6C-09 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 979 Senator Raskin**COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING INVESTMENT ACT**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to authorize the General Assembly to provide that specified property consisting of street lighting equipment may be taken by a county or municipality for public use immediately on payment to the owner of the property of the amount that the county or municipality estimates to be the net book value of the property calculated in a specified manner; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 40D and PU, § 4-211 - added and LG, § 1-1309 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 980 Senator Conway**ANESTHESIA SERVICES – ASSIGNMENT OF BILLING RIGHTS AND FEES FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the billing rights for anesthesia services provided in a freestanding ambulatory care facility from being assigned to a person that has a beneficial interest in the freestanding ambulatory care facility; prohibiting a freestanding ambulatory care facility or a person that has a beneficial interest in the freestanding ambulatory care facility from charging, directly or indirectly, an anesthesia services provider a fee for management services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, §§ 1-307 and 14-404(a)(15-a) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 981 Senator Jennings**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HOMES NEAR A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a credit against the county property tax for owner-occupied residential real property within a specified proximity to a specified refuse disposal system; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 9-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 982 Senator Conway**MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST – AWARD CRITERIA – PREFERENCE FOR MULTIJURISDICTIONAL APPLICANTS**

Requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust to develop a process for making awards under the Trust that gives preference to multijurisdictional applicants.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HS, § 10-108 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 983 **Senator Manno****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
SECOND CHANCE WILDLIFE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Second Chance Wildlife Center, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Second Chance Wildlife Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 984 **Senator Manno, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SILVER
SPRING LEARNING CENTER EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Silver Spring Jewish Center, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Silver Spring Learning Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 985 Senator Frosh**MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Clean Energy Financing and Risk Management Program; establishing the purposes of the Program; requiring the Maryland Clean Energy Center to administer the Program, provide specified forms of financing support or risk management for specified projects, and consider specified criteria in evaluating an applicant; authorizing the Center to provide financing support or risk management for a clean energy project only under specified conditions; establishing the Maryland Clean Energy Center Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC and SF, Various Sections - amended and added and Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2008, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 986 Senator Feldman, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – ENERGY DRINKS – SALE TO AND POSSESSION BY MINORS PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting a person from distributing, selling, furnishing, or giving away or offering to sell, furnish, or give away an energy drink to a minor; establishing a specified defense for a prosecution for a specified violation; prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell an energy drink in a vending machine or any other automatic device; prohibiting a person from providing free samples of energy drinks or coupons for free or discounted energy drinks to minors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

CR, §§ 10-136 through 10-140 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 987 Senator Stone**LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – INJURY FROM LEAD-BASED PAINT – APPLICATION OF NOTICE REQUIREMENT**

Providing that a specified notice requirement under the Local Government Tort Claims Act does not apply to a claim of injury from exposure to lead-based paint occurring on or after January 1, 1988.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 988 Senator Pugh**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR BROADBAND CAPABILITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to report to the General Assembly on specified matters relating to broadband capabilities in local school systems on or before December 1, 2014; and terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 989 Senator Pugh**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SWORN POLICE OFFICERS – BINDING ARBITRATION**

Authorizing a designated representative of a system institution of the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, or Baltimore City Community College, or the exclusive representative of sworn police officers employed by a system institution of the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, or Baltimore City Community College, to request that an arbitrator be employed under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SP, § 3-501(g) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 990 Senator Feldman**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2007 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WARREN HISTORICAL SITE – LOVING CHARITY HALL**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 to provide that a specified grant for the Loving Charity Hall may not terminate before June 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 488 of the Acts of 2007, § 1(3) Item ZA01(AS), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 991 Senator King**DOGS – DISCRIMINATION BASED ON BREED, TYPE, OR HERITAGE
– PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting a dog from being determined to be potentially dangerous based solely on the breed, type, or heritage of the dog; prohibiting a county from enacting a local law and a municipality from adopting an ordinance prohibiting a person from owning, keeping, or harboring a dog of a specified breed, type, or heritage or taking specified other actions based on the breed, type, or heritage of the dog; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 10-619 - amended and LG, §§ 5-107 and 13-102.1 and RP, § 14-133 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 992 Senators Brinkley and Young**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY –
FORGEMAN’S HOUSE RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$168,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Forgeman’s House, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 993 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – TRANSITION TO CHARTER GOVERNMENT
– CORRECTIONS TO REFERENCES IN THE ANNOTATED CODE OF
MARYLAND**

Correcting references to the government of Frederick County in the Annotated Code of Maryland that will be rendered obsolete after the status of the county is changed from a commission county to a charter county; altering the manner in which specified authority may be exercised in the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2014

Various Sections of Various Articles - amended and LG, § 12-301(d) - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules